



Abercrombie & Kent

A QUICK GUIDE TO

# THAILAND



## JANUARY-MARCH

### Climate

Warm temperatures, with generally fine weather throughout the country. This is a great time to travel to Thailand.

### Best places to visit

Visit Chiang Mai for Thai culture and tradition, or Chiang Rai for trekking and wildlife.

### ! Don't miss

Chinese New Year takes place in January or February. Don't miss the celebrations held in Bangkok's Chinatown.

## APRIL-JUNE

### Climate

Hotter temperatures, with sunny weather across Thailand. As June approaches, short tropical downpours begin to arrive.

### Best places to visit

Visit the islands off Thailand's east coast – water visibility is at its best, making this a perfect season for diving.

### ! Don't miss

Thai New Year (Songkran) takes place between 13 and 15 April. The whole country gets involved, but the largest celebrations are held in Bangkok.

## JULY-SEPTEMBER

### Climate

Temperatures remain hot, but rainfall increases throughout August. September is often the wettest month and typically very humid.

### Best places to visit

Due to the rains, the Golden Triangle area is beautifully green and lush – the region's waterfalls are also in full flow.

### ! Don't miss

The Rocket Festival takes place in Yasothon Province during June or July – rockets are launched all weekend, along with live folk music and celebrations.

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER

### Climate

Temperatures are at their lowest, and humidity levels also start to fall. The weather is often unpredictable, however the rains begin to ease during November.

### Best places to visit

Phuket on the west coast is best for a beach break during this time, while mainland Thailand generally has more settled weather.

### ! Don't miss

The Lantern Festival (Yee Peng) takes place in Chiang Mai during November – crowds gather on the banks of the river as thousands of paper lanterns are released into the sky.

## USEFUL THAI PHRASES

Sawasdee (pronounced 'sawat-dii').....Hello

Khob kun (pronounced 'khop khun').....Thank you

Sabai dee mai (pronounced 'sabaai-dii mai').....How are you?

Sabai dee (pronounced 'sabaai-dii').....I'm fine

Kho thot (pronounced 'khw thort').....Excuse me

## MUST-TRY FOOD

From five-star restaurants to simple street food markets, you'll find delicious cuisine throughout Thailand. These are some of our favourite Thai dishes:

